

GALT TRAFFIC

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MARK THANKS MARK



President Mark Krohn (r) presents Mark Peteler with a plaque and complementary membership in recognition of outstanding service to both Chapter 932 and Galt Airport.

FIRST SOLOS

Congratulations on your first solo flights to **John Sterling** (Nov. 4) and **Kyle Ryan** (Nov. 17, 2001).

CHAPTER SURVEY

64 surveys were mailed to voting members and 33 were returned (52%). Briefly, our members want to have fun while promoting General/Sport Aviation and building/restoring aircraft (in that order).

A large majority (76%) want to continue holding membership meetings on Saturday Mornings and they want a more formal meeting with a speaker or program or a field trip or fly-out.

A large majority approves of our event schedule. Three comments suggested we drop the cars from

Flyers & Tires yet, *Flyers and Tires* was the favorite event of 55%.

Finally, the members want to share the results of our fundraising. 69% favor spending monies on sponsoring area youth in EAA or Chapter programs.

For complete results, see P. 3 if you are reading the electronic edition of the Newsletter, or see it on our web site, www.eaa932.org, P.3 of the December issue of *Galt Traffic*.

FIRST FLIGHT



EAA 932 Member Bob Hart finished and flew his Pitts in October. Congratulations on a beautiful baby, proud papa!

ATTENTION WOULD-BE BUILDERS: EAA WORKSHOPS

EAA will be holding an Aircraft Builders Workshop January 19th & 20th at EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh, WI. These one and two day courses will introduce participants to the joys of building your own aircraft while providing the knowledge and experience necessary to do it safely. EAA will be offering the following hands on courses:

Introduction to Aircraft Building This course will help you to make the decision whether building or

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restoring and aircraft is for you. It will also help you decide what type of aircraft to build or restore by letting you try your hand at sheet metal, fabric covering and composites. Tuition for EAA members is \$209.

Sheet Metal This 2 day course prepares you to build any sheet metal kit aircraft and teaches the procedures for sheet metal repairs. There is a discussion of all the basics including types of aluminum, rivets, tools, cutting, drilling, de-burring, countersinking, and riveting. Tuition for EAA members is \$289.

Fabric Covering This 2 day course prepares you to cover any type of aircraft, whether certified or experimental. Using the Poly-Fiber Covering Sys., the class will cover DC-3 ailerons. All steps are demonstrated and practiced, including preparation, gluing the fabric, shrinking, rib stitching, taping and spraying. Repair procedures will also be discussed and practiced. Tuition for EAA members is \$259.

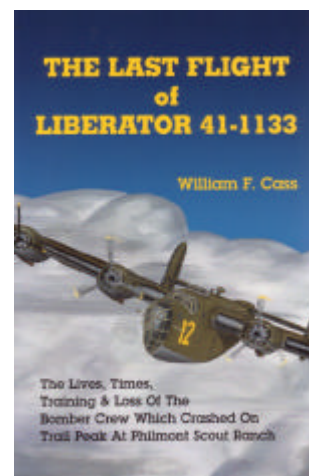
Composite Construction This 2 day course provides you everything you need to know to begin building a composite aircraft. The course will provide a complete discussion of core materials, reinforcement materials, and different types of resin systems. The hands-on portion includes such skills as bonding, hot-wire cutting, and lay-ups. Tuition for EAA members is \$259.

Electrical Systems, Wiring, and Avionics This 2 day course prepares you to wire your aircraft and allows you to practice the skills you will need to install your electrical system through the use of several hands on wiring projects. Definitions of electrical terms are discussed along with information on selecting the proper wire size, how to route wire and installing avionics and antennae. Tuition for EAA members is \$279.

Flight Testing Your Project This one-day course helps the student prepare for the first flight whether of a homebuilt or a restoration project. Additionally, the course helps the attendee prepare a meaningful flight test program. Among the many topics that are covered are evaluation of the aircraft, from weight and balance to performance characteristics, pilot preparedness and fitness, suitability of the airport, documentation and utilization of data from the test flights, communications between EAA Flight Advisor and pilot during the test flights, and preparation of a Flight Manual or POH. Safety and emergency procedures are stressed. The tuition for this one day course is \$99 for EAA members.

The courses are instructed by experts that not only know the subject matter but know how to teach! To enroll or learn more about the EAA Sport Air Workshops, visit our website www.sportair.com or call 1-800-967-5746.

NEW BOOK



The Last Flight of Liberator 41-1133 by William F. Cass. Winds Aloft Press

Literally thousands of WWII aircrew members died without ever leaving the United States or directly engaging an enemy. Liberator 41-1133 was but one of 490 B-24s lost in stateside fatal accidents. It crashed during a training flight on Trail Peak at Philmont Scout Ranch in northeastern New Mexico on the night of April 22, 1942.

Even though they were “the brightest and best of their generation”, going from zero timer to four engine heavy bomber commander in just ten months and 250 to 300 flying hours is asking a lot – even with no one shooting at you! The scenario leading to this crash, in mountainous terrain, at night, in the middle of a thunderstorm, with an outboard engine feathered, is not too difficult to imagine.

However, more interesting than the accident itself, is the in depth look at the times, the training and the people involved here. This book, while also offering interesting insights into the way life in the U. S. was in 1941/42, takes us to the home towns of the crew. It takes us from their high schools and colleges to basic, primary, and advanced training, to four engine school in Albuquerque, to the last flight, the crash site, the recovery of human remains, and finally, back to the home towns for the funerals and the aftermath. This long journey took less than one year.

You’ll appreciate Cass’s painstakingly researched yet very readable style. He’s not above inventing a word when necessary (bleakened?) and he can be vivid, almost poetic, as in describing the present day Las Vegas, NM airport as, “The field that (once) served military and civil flights alike now basks in the New Mexico sun, visited primarily by gusts of wind and the shadows of high cumulus”

In *Last Flight*, old time aviators will find much nostalgia and the younger ones will receive a great deal of insight into “the way it was in the big war”.

– Jeff Hill Sr.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

The survey was sent to 64 voting members, 33 were returned (52%) Not all respondents answered all questions, the percentages given are for the number responding to the particular question which is indicated as (#--)

FOCUS AND PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER:

1 ST CHOICE: (#30)	Having Fun	43%
	Promoting Aviation	20%
	Building/Restoring A/C	16%
	Active in Young Eagles	13%
	*Other choices received less than 10%	
2 ND CHOICE: (#30)	Promoting Aviation	27%
	Active in Young Eagles	23%
	Sponsoring area youth ...	23%
	Building/Restoring A/C	13%
	*Other choices received less than 10%	
3 RD CHOICE: (#29)	Active in Young Eagles	23%
	Promoting Aviation	20%
	Having Fun	20%
	Organizing Fly-Outs	10%
	Promoting "Be A Pilot"	10%
	Sponsoring area youth...	10%
	*Other choices received less than 10%	

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

When should we hold meeting? (#33)	Saturday morning:	76%
	Week day evening	21%
Combine meetings with events? (#31)	Yes	55%
	No	45%
What to do at meetings? 1 ST CHOICE: (#27)	Organized program, speaker, etc...	48%
	Fly-Out to breakfast or lunch	19%
	Do chapter business, set policy	19%
	Take a field trip...	11%
2 ND CHOICE: (#27)	Take a field trip...	41%
	Organized program speaker, etc...	26%
	Fly-Out to breakfast or lunch	11%
	Work on Chapter airplane project	11%

OUR EVENTS:

1st Q: Pasta Potluck (#32) - Keep it, 94% - in Jan, 43% - in Feb, 43% - a Sat. night, 71%
 2nd Q: Pancake B'fast (#32) - Keep it, 97% - in Jun, 55% - in May, 45% - Sat, 47% - Sun, 26% - Sat & Sun, 26%
 3rd Q: Flyers & Tires (#30) - Keep it, 87% - in Aug, 63% - in Sep, 25% - a Sat & Sun, 75%
 4th Q: Chili Fest (#31) - Keep it, 90% - in Oct, 95% - a Sat, 90%
 Your favorite event: (#29) Flyers & Tires, 55%. Pancake Breakfast, 31%. Pasta Potluck, 14%. Chili Fest, 0%.
 The schedule is: (#18) About right, 89%. Too heavy, 11%. Too light, 0%.

FUND RAISING: How should we spend monies raised?

1 ST CHOICE: (#29)	Sponsor kids in EAA and Chapter Programs	69%
	Buy tools and equipment	10%
	Share wealth through good works ...	10%
2 ND CHOICE: (#29)	Share wealth through good works ...	41%
	Build or lease Chapter Hangar	21%
	Accumulate assets for the Chapter	14%
	Sponsor kids in EAA and Chapter Programs	10%
	Buy tools and equipment	10%
3 RD CHOICE: (#23)	Buy tools and equipment	26%
	Build or lease Chapter Hangar	22%
	Accumulate assets for the Chapter	17%
	Sponsor kids in EAA and Chapter Programs	13%
	Share wealth through good works ...	13%